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# PROBE INTO ESSEX CHILD ABUSE CLAIMS



**ACTION:** Police Commissioner Nick Alston and Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh, pictured last year, have announced an investigation into an alleged child abuse cover-up

## YA investigation uncovers paedophile ring allegations

**EXCLUSIVE**

**By Charles Thomson**

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ESSEX Police has announced an investigation into alleged child sex abuse in the 1980s and 1990s, following a year-long *Yellow Advertiser* investigation into claims of an establishment cover-up.

The probe is being led by Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh, who was introduced to three whistleblowers last month during a meeting the *YA* helped to arrange.

The Chief Constable and Essex Police Commissioner Nick Alston will release a formal statement

later today outlining the nature and scale of the investigation into abuse involving as many as 80 youngsters in Shoebury and other parts of Essex.

Mr Alston thanked the *YA* for its 'important' role in the investigation.

He said: "You have helped us into this place and I am grateful for it."

Officers will investigate claims that police and civil servants failed to properly investigate suspected paedophiles or adequately protect alleged victims during the 1980s and 90s. They will also more urgently look into whether known victims remain at risk today as a result of past failures.

Three whistleblowers were put in touch with Essex Police following a series of *YA* meetings, where they were able to describe an alleged 'pattern of institutional abuse' across the county.

They came forward after the *YA* published a series of exclusive reports about alleged historic abuse.

The allegations have been made by a retired NHS manager, a serving probation officer and the former manager of a child sex abuse treatment centre.

Mr Alston described the claims as 'chilling'.

He said police would have to test the whistleblowers' accounts, but

commented: "It's an overwhelmingly credible scenario."

"The circumstantial evidence is apparently strong."

In a statement confirming the investigation, due to be published later this morning, Essex Police said: "At the meeting, serious concerns were raised about alleged sexual offences committed against children, particularly boys in local authority or foster care, during the 1980s and 1990s."

"Further deep concerns were raised about the safeguarding and support provided for a large number of young people who may have been victims of serious abuse."

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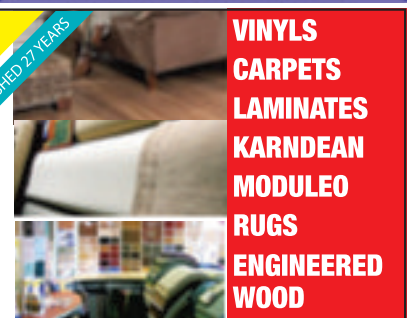
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# Unique collaboration with commissioner

ESSEX Police commissioner Nick Alston has described a police investigation into historic child sex allegations unearthed by the *Yellow Advertiser* as the result of a unique 'collaboration' between a newspaper and a police force.

He described how senior police officers had launched their investigation thanks to a meeting 'brokered' by the *YA* between three 'whistleblowers' and the force.

He said: "You've been there representing a group of people who, I think, for the right reasons, have been wanting to not let this die. For 25 years this group of professionals have never let go of this. But who do you go to?"

"They clearly saw an opportunity to work with the *Yellow Advertiser* to maybe have another

go at something that they care passionately about; to use you as a route to us, to broker that conversation. And you've done it really responsibly.

"You've used our relationship and you've respected everything we've said in terms of enabling us firstly to get our heads around it and then to try to get the Chief Constable in the right space – which actually took no effort at all because I think we've got a remarkable Chief Constable who is completely wanting to do the right thing by all of this."

Mr Alston cited other PCCs who had 'failed' to work closer with the press and insisted the current investigation demonstrated why there was a need for more openness in public office.

He added: "We have a completely new institution of police and crime commissioners.

Some PCCs have just had the press snapping at their heels and being destructive. Others have simply failed to realise the importance of having a free press who can challenge those in authority and be the voice of the people – a press that can take debate forwards when everybody is getting fobbed off by bureaucracy."

Mr Alston said the investigation could provide a good opportunity for Essex Police – whose child abuse team is currently under investigation by the Independent Police Complaints Commissioner – to learn from past mistakes.

He said: "Okay, this is going back 25 years, but unless we know our history, how can we really shape the right future? I think this investigation really has the opportunity to do that."



THANKS: Police Commissioner Nick Alston

YA  
January 8,  
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## How the YA's investigations prompted 'cover-up' inquiry

IN late 2014 the *YA* discovered, in financial records released under the Freedom of Information Act, that Essex Council had sanctioned 10 compensation pay-outs that year for 'alleged abuse' in the 1970s and 1990s.

Press officers refused to answer the *YA*'s questions and forced it to submit them under Freedom of Information laws, meaning it had to wait weeks for answers.

Then, on Christmas Eve 2014, it refused to answer any of the questions – including 'yes/no' questions such as whether Essex Council notified police of the alleged abuse – by claiming the answers could 'identify victims'.

In January 2015 the *YA* ran a front page story about the refusal to answer basic questions, in which victims' rights organisation NAPAC (National Association for People Abused in

Childhood) sided with the *YA* and said Essex Council's silence was 'tantamount to a cover-up'.

Weeks later, the *YA* was contacted by Robin Jamieson, who had read the front page reports. He said that in the 1990s he had been approached by council staff with 'alarming allegations' which suggested 'serious failures in child protection'.

He said when he reported the concerns to Essex Council, he found the response 'insulting and threatening'.

In June, while communicating with Mr Jamieson, the *YA* discovered and reported on its front page that Essex Council had changed its Freedom of Information policy to make sure nobody could ever find out about pay-outs for alleged abuse again. Campaigners described the rule change as 'baseless' and 'unacceptable'.

In July the *YA* ran a front page story about Mr Jamieson's claims, in which Essex Council said allegations of a cover-up had been investigated in the 1990s but found 'no evidence of an organised cover-up'. Council leader David Finch called on people with information to come forward.

In the following months, as the *YA* arranged for Mr Jamieson to meet with Police Commissioner Nick Alston, two further whistleblowers – Rob West and Jenny Grinstead – came forward.

In February 2016, following a successful meeting between Mr Alston and Mr Jamieson, the three whistleblowers met with Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh.

In March 2016, Essex Police announced a formal investigation into an alleged child abuse cover-up in Essex.

YA July 2,  
8, 2015

## Historic child abuse claims

From front page

"In the relevant period there were a number of investigations and prosecutions, and two convictions were secured.

"However, the concern of these professionals, who were working in the area at the time, was that those investigations may not have been sufficiently thorough."

Mr Alston said: "Without the *Yellow Advertiser* having had the confidence to build that relationship with those professionals, and to trust me to do the right thing here, we would not be making this announcement.

"So thank you for taking the initiative on this. Thank you for trusting us."

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# Claims that victims were ignored as they were "leper" young offenders 'Abuse info buried'

## EXCLUSIVE

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POLICE will conduct a formal review into claims that an alleged 'paedophile ring' in Shoeburyness was not properly investigated.

Whistleblowers claim that a case in the late 1980s, which saw two men convicted of abusing young boys, failed to take dozens of alleged victims seriously and failed to pursue other alleged abusers.

The claim has been made by three sources who worked in child protection in Essex at the time.

The whistleblowers are former district psychologist Robin Jamieson, former child abuse treatment centre manager Jenny Grinstead and probation contractor Rob West.

Mr Jamieson said: "It's the first time in 25 years that they appear to be taking it seriously."

Mr West worked in Southend at the time with the Rainey Foundation, a charity that helped young offenders, which had a base on Weston Road. During the late 1980s abuse investigation, he accompanied three of the alleged victims to the trial.

Speaking exclusively to the *Yellow Advertiser*, Mr West said: "I got at least nine disclosures in one year of boys telling me about their abuse. At least four or five of them were involved in that situation."



**Jamieson: contacted the YA after it revealed compensation pay-outs by Essex Council for 'alleged abuse'**

"We passed information on, but nothing ever came back to us. That doesn't mean nothing was ever done, because sometimes the police do things and don't come back to you. But certainly, talking to the young people, they were never approached by the police."

"Even when they were, I sometimes thought, 'Are the police trying to close them down?' I sat in on an interview on one occasion where one officer said, 'Right son, tell us who nonced you up.' These were more or less the words used - by quite an aggressive police officer." In 1990, a joint report by the

Children's Society, where Ms Grinstead worked, and the Rainer Foundation, suggested the problem had been far wider than the prosecution the prior year had indicated.

The report stated there had been a paedophile sex ring in Shoeburyness for at least 18 months and said a group of known victims had indicated there could be up to 80 victims.

The authors, who included Ms Grinstead, wrote that their report was focused on information from 25 boys who they knew were victims of the abuse network.

The report said local agencies' response to the problem had been 'patchy' and called for 'urgent action' - but the three whistleblowers claim it was never properly acted on.

Mr West said he believed the alleged victims were overlooked because they were young offenders. "There was clearly a ring and it wasn't properly investigated by the police or social services," he said.

"It was partly because offenders were not treated as having any great value in society. The police hated them, they hated the police - these were lepers, the children who were being abused here."

Mr West said the lack of intervention had tragic consequences for several of the alleged victims, with some taking their own lives. He added that he still had a list of dozens of the alleged victims.

Police Commissioner Nick Alston said he found it 'chilling' that large

numbers of children may have been abused but never received adequate care afterwards.

"Many of these victims, according to Rob West, were in social care because they came from difficult backgrounds, involving crime and drugs. They were already vulnerable."

"Who do they reach out to? They reach out to the cops, they get nicked. They reach out to social workers, something else happens to them. They've got nowhere to go, so they go to drink and drugs and finish up in every bad place imaginable."

"Rob talked through where they all are now - some in prison, some dying"

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## PRAISE FOR WHISTLEBLOWERS

"ONE of the most challenging things I've had to deal with." Those were the words police commissioner Nick Alston used to describe revelations that child sex victims in Essex may have been ignored.

But in an exclusive interview with the YA yesterday, Mr Alston said the announcement of a formal investigation felt like a 'huge step' forward.

Acting on information provided by three whistleblowers, police will investigate claims that a child abuse probe in Shoeburyness in the late 1980s failed to pursue named suspects or pay proper attention to dozens of child victims.

Police will also investigate two reports penned by child abuse and social care experts in the 1990s, which detailed allegations that Essex social care workers failed to properly tackle abuse and in some cases had been actively involved in



**HUGE STEP FORWARD** Police Commissioner Nick Alston has praised whistleblowers

offences against children. The whistleblowers claim police and civil servants failed to act on the reports.

The allegations came to police's attention when the YA was contacted by Mr Jamieson and arranged for him to meet Mr Alston. Mr Alston said: "That was a very compelling and powerful session - to hear his remarkably balanced account. He has got a passion for trying

to get the right outcomes.

"His concern was for those who should have been listened to and didn't get support from their organisations - and indeed, got their organisations turning against them. His concern for the victims shone through."

After the meeting, Mr Alston arranged for Mr Jamieson to meet with Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh. Mr West and Ms Grinstead also attended.

Mr Alston said: "There was no hint from any of these people of wanting to 'get at' - for any personal reason - what they clearly regard as those who were failing to deal properly with these issues. There was no vindictiveness about it. It was a concern for the victims and for the professionals who were left unsupported."

Mr Alston praised the YA for bringing the allegations to his attention and assisting the police investigation.

**From page 4** from overdoses, some on the street. The chances of escape are slight."

Mr Alston promised anybody who came forward to report abuse would be taken seriously.

He said: "Twenty years on, our whole view of looking at these things has changed. The concept of the streetwise kid and 'it's their lifestyle'. That's all gone, thank God. So looking at this again is something we absolutely have to do."

Mr West said he was 'heartened' by a meeting with Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh last week.

He said: "I'm still trying to

find a bit of closure for myself. Social services and the police perhaps may need to be held responsible for some of the failings. But I also want to be a part of the voice for those survivors who never had any closure and are still suffering and were never compensated."

Announcing the police investigation, Mr Kavanagh said: "At present, we have allegations but no victims, suspects or locations."

"But whether alleged abuse, especially organised and institutionalised, happened yesterday or 30 years ago, it's our duty to review it without fear or favour."

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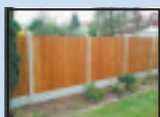
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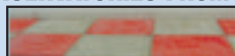
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# Band aid gig in Steve's memory

MUSIC Friend Paul Tadman and Paul Smith (right)  
Photo by Mark Cleveland



WELL KNOWN local bands will play in a special memorial weekend for Southend musician Steve Smith, who died last July.

Then his devoted son Paul paid a loving tribute to the Southend guitar hero

who claimed life began for him in 1964 when he joined the band Cops n Robbers.

Now he has put together a weekend of music in commemoration of his father's passion.

"The Steve Smith Memorial Weekend is all for charity," Paul said.

"I think this is the best and most appropriate way to remember Dad."

Groups performing for Steve

include The Sharpees, Blue Spiders, Blarneys Love Street Blues and Under Cover.

While Steve was with Cops n Robbers the group had a number of hits between 1964 and 1966 including St James Infirmary and Gotta be a Reason. For 13 weeks back in 1965 they travelled with John Lee Hooker and acted as his band for his British tour.

Paul added: "Dad also played with the great blues guitarist Buddy Guy in 1965 who joined them on stage."

His dad was very proud when Mike Jagger said the group was 'really good.'

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Buddy Guy in 1965 who joined them on stage."

When Cops n Robbers disbanded, Steve spent 13 years panel beating and spraying cars.

But in 1983 he made his first guitar, he then decided to go into business which became Heartwood Guitars, and never looked back, supplying guitars Scott Gorham from Thin Lizzy, The Hamsters, The Feelgoods and Roxy Music."

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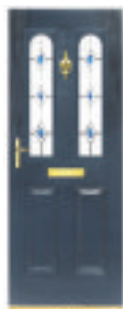
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# Deanes teacher wins top award



PLAYER: Jonathan Hoyle from Deanes School

Photo Mark Cleveland

PROFESSIONAL jazz musician turned teacher has won a prestigious award.

Jonathan Hoyle from Deanes School was highly commended in this the new teachers category of this year's Essex teaching awards.

"I am delighted with the award, but surprised I got it," he said.

When the 28-year-old jazz pianist wanted to change pro-

fession and teach, he found it hard to find a school that would take him on.

"Deanes took a chance on me and it seems to worked well," Jonathan said, "It's a fantastic school which allows children to make choices for themselves, and the commitment the teachers show to their pupils in amazing."

He is responsible for all music teaching in the

Thundersley school – which includes key board, ukulele, drumming and theory – and also takes classes at four local primary schools and Seevic College.

"I don't teach piano in school but do so privately," he said.

Jonathan still keeps his hand in with gigs in jazz bands in London. I am really enjoying teaching and seeing the pupils enjoying it, to," he added.



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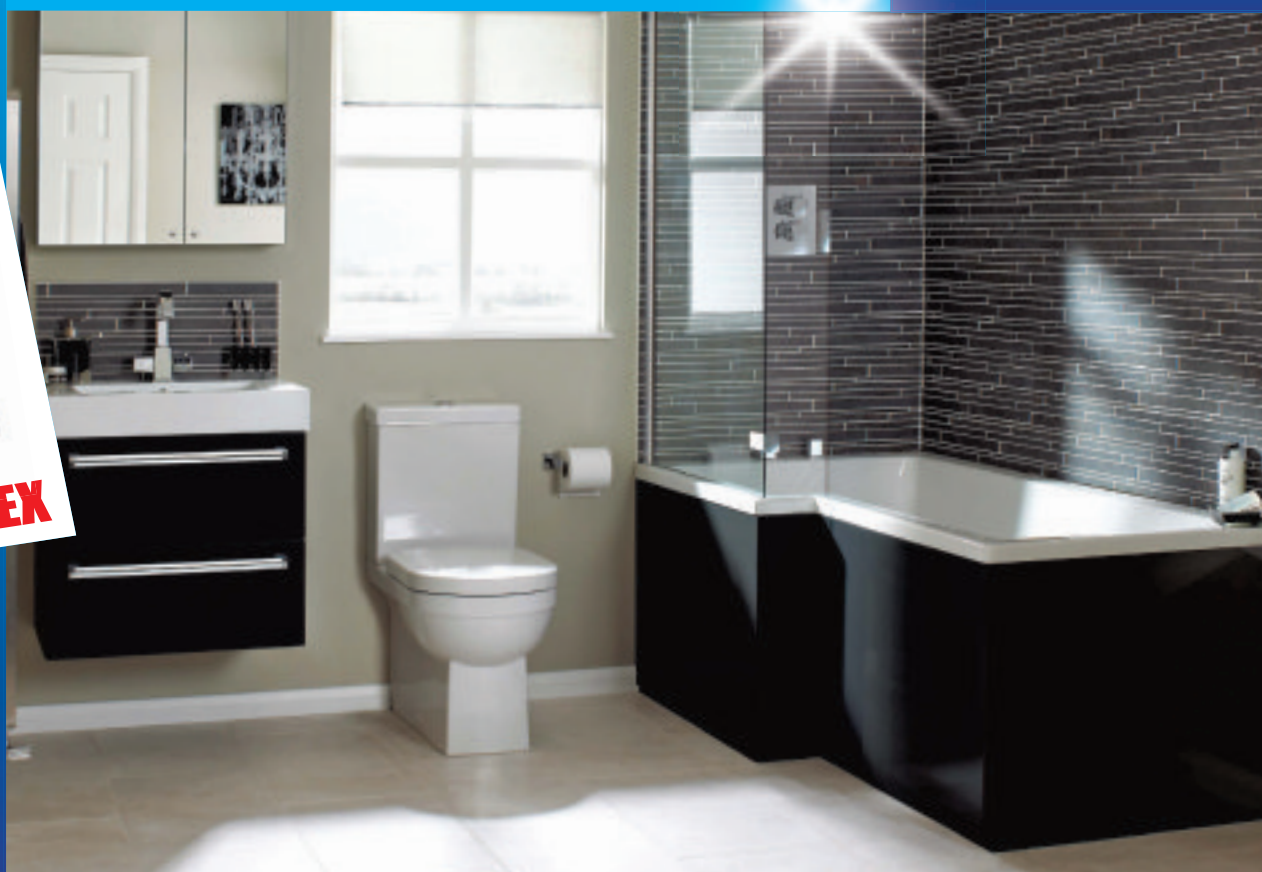
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Vice-principal Tracey-Anne Bond added: "Ofsted has recognised the progress the school is making – and the results are demonstrating this."

The school fought to prevent Essex County Council closing it in 2014, and the strain that imposed was reflected in a Ofsted report in 2015. But it has taken giant steps since then, as these results show.

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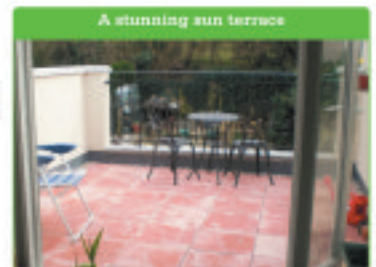
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Some may say Sunday should be restricted for religious reasons, but we are no longer just a Christian society and would a few additional hours on a Sunday really have an effect on Christianity?

Normal opening hours on a Sunday has been the around for many years in the USA and is just accepted as normal, even though they are probably more religious than we are.

**Alan James Hockley**

## Where's our missing street sign?

APRIL Fool's Day 2015, the Beaufort Street sign got knocked down - reported to the council.

April Fool's Day 2016 is now approaching and the 'joke' is the street sign is still missing. This is despite the initial report being followed up by phone calls, e-mails, letters and visiting the civic centre.

But there's still another 'joke'. On January 14 this year two workmen arrived, dug up the bit of metal still sticking up from the original post, made a nice hole and then

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'Hey' I said, 'where's the new Beaufort Street sign?' 'Oh no, that's not our job' I was told, 'you'll have to report it to the council!'

Any ideas please what to do to get some action, apart from wasting time, money and people having to ask if they're in Beaufort Street.

**J. Peto, Southend**

## Council leader comes under fire

MATT Dent gave an interesting account of a beleaguered council leader where MP's are not in dialogue with him.

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## What's the point of a chip?

MY puppy got off his lead. He was lost for the whole night.

A couple had taken him in. I phoned everywhere - vets, police, dog wardens. This was late at night but I phoned and phoned - no one had any news.

My daughter put it on Facebook and asked everyone to share it.

About six o'clock I began to phone again, asking the same question: had anyone got any news.

At two in the afternoon we got a break. The couple who found him phoned RSPCA, who called dog warden. At 9am the warden picked him up. We got the telephone number at 2pm, having spoke to couple and phoned the kennels.

The warden said yes, he had a dog matching our description. I asked why he had not been scanned for his chip (done at 3 months old). The warden replied he was just getting round to it. This was about 3pm.

Our puppy was one year old. He was terrified, having been put in an isolation kennel for hours.

Then we were told we had to pay £79 to get him back, plus kennel charges. This was no problem, but for many would be too much to pay. The dog gets left, not because they are not wanted but people can't afford it.

My dog's chip has a 24-hour answering service, seven days a week, but if it is not scanned, what is the point? The warden said it had to be charged! He had our dog for 7 hours before scanning him.

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I phoned again and got an appointment, but not with the doctor of my choice, so on March 3 I had an 9.20am appointment, which must have been a cancelled appointment, who knows?

I signed in at 09.10, you are the next patient, great, so we waited and waited. At about 10.00 with not a word said, I enquired if I was going to be seen today, the doctor was held up in traffic - great, so having a life to get on with while it lasts.

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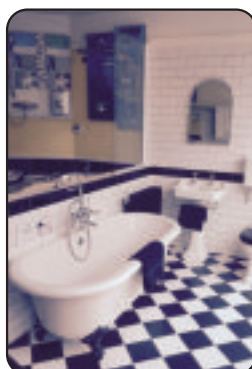
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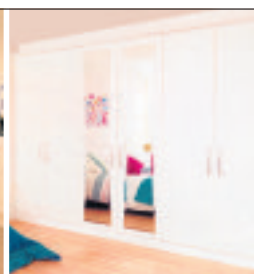
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# PrimeTime

*What's on and  
what's coming*

## THRONE TO THE WOLVES



By **LIZ WADE**

**T**AKE a unique and fun journey through the Seven Kingdoms with avid Game of Thrones super fan, Graeme, in a theatrical spoof of the popular television show.

Graeme of Thrones is hitting the road on a 38-date UK tour following a sell-out season in the West End and sold-out shows in Australia, and there are two opportunities to see the production in Essex in May.

Join Graeme, his ex-crush Briony and best friend Paul, as they attempt to impress a producer and show the world how everyone's favourite fantasy television series should have been made.

Featuring a family tree wider than The Wall, as many grisly deaths as there are characters and some appropriately missing dragons, it's a rollercoaster ride for Game of Thrones fans.

Created by a team of some of the UK's top comedy writers, Graeme of Thrones is a wacky and wicked take on the international phenomenon Game Of Thrones.

The production's script consultant, writer and BAFTA-winner Jon Brittain, said: "Graeme of Thrones is a parody/farce/show within-a-show/loving-homage. It's nice to be in a room where being an anally retentive fanboy is actually a good thing."

"The writing team had a lovely time geeking out and discussing how ridiculous Ser Jorah and Littlefinger's voices are, how Daenerys really should have double checked there was a no-nudity clause in her contract, and how Jon Snow really is incredibly boring (but so pretty)."

Graeme of Thrones stars Ali Brice, creator of Fringe sensation Eric Meat, as Graeme, Libby Northedge, who is part of award-winning duo Twisted Loaf, as Briony and Mark Davison, part of internet sketch trio The Exploding Heads, as Paul.

Ali, a character comedian who has been performing since 2009 and is a member of the London-based alternative comedy collective, Weirdoes, has had a life-long love of comedy and his heroes include Vic and Bob, Harry Hill, Spike Milligan and The Mighty Boosh.

**WACKY:** Ali Brice, left, and Mark Davison  
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## Stage Rollercoaster comedy ride

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He creates completely nonsensical, vividly-coloured worlds full of larger-than-life characters, including Eric Meat, who is always at the heart of these worlds. Eric, a retired teacher from Humberside, is a naive dreamer who is always looking for love. Innocent and unaware, his world is small and he is obsessed with the mundane.

In 2014 Brice took Eric Meat Wants To Go Shopping to the Edinburgh Fringe to critical acclaim and returned to the Fringe in 2015 with Eric Meat Has No Proof, Only Memories of Pasta and performed to sell-out crowds.

Libby, an actor, improviser, writer and award-winning comedian, who recently co-wrote and performed in a short film for Sky 1, has honed a darkly comic and highly physical style as one half of comedy duo, Twisted Loaf. They won the prestigious Funny Women Award 2013 and have taken hit shows to The Edinburgh Fringe which have both transferred to Soho Theatre, London.

Meanwhile, Mark Davison has become a familiar face in the comedy world having appeared in a number of television shows including Top Coppers and Cuckoo on BBC3, Drifters and Chewing Gum on E4, Drunk Histories on Comedy Central, Cradle To Grave on BBC2 and Toast of London on Channel 4.

He is also one third of internet sketch trio – The Exploding Heads – who are behind the weekly ESPN

football comedy show How Will They Line Up? in which he plays Ian Fiveankles.

As a stand-up comedian he regularly performs as his character Mr Susie, a hopelessly confused alien.

Graeme of Thrones, which is directed by Sam Bailey, co-founder of Parrot In The Tank Theatre, and written by Toby Park, Andrew Doyle and Dan Evans, will be at Civic Theatre, Chelmsford, on Friday, May 6, and the Palace Theatre, Westcliff, on Saturday, May 14.

Both appearances promise a rollercoaster ride for audiences before the production heads overseas for a US tour later in the year.

If you are looking for humour of a different kind then fans are in for a treat when the Barron Knights bring their feelgood show, Soundtrack Of Our Lives, to Chelmsford's Civic Theatre on Friday, April 1.

The Barron Knights are arguably the most entertaining group to come out of the 60s with their unique and much-loved combination of musicianship, harmonies and humour, which have earned them a highly successful career spanning more than five decades.

To see the Barron Knights and Graeme of Thrones at Civic Theatre, Chelmsford, call the box office on 01245 606505 or visit [chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres](http://chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres) and to see Graeme of Thrones at Palace Theatre, Westcliff, call the box office on 01702 351135 or visit [southendtheatres.org.uk](http://southendtheatres.org.uk).

## Po's last stand



Kung Fu Panda 3  
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**KUNG FU PANDA 3 (PG, 95mins)**

**A**RDENT fans of unlikely kung fu-fighting warrior Po will happily grin and panda bear this derivative yet energetic third instalment of the computer-animated adventure series.

Visually, Jennifer Yuh Nelson and Alessandro Carloni's picture is a black belt: bright colours saturate the screen, the 3D format is employed adroitly in gymnastic fight sequences and character detail has improved noticeably since Kung Fu Panda 2.

Screenwriters Jonathan Aibel and Glenn Berger don't flying kick and punch the plot into touch with similar urgency or invention.

Mothballed jokes about a panda's vast appetite or the creature's inability to scale flights of stairs are aired again and spiky banter between Jack Black's self-doubting hero and Dustin Hoffman's despairing red

panda mentor feel like hand-me-downs. Black's whirlwind vocal performance, which enlivened the first two chapters, is more of a stiff breeze here, but still whips up big laughs.

After 500 years of incarceration in the Spirit Realm, megalomaniacal yak Kai (voiced by JK Simmons) steals the chi of every kung fu master including his one-time friend, Oogway (Randall Duk Kim).

Only the Dragon Warrior, overweight dumpling-obsessed panda Po (Black), can bring Kai's reign of terror to an end. So the power-crazed yak returns to the mortal plane and gallops towards the Jade Palace to lock horns with Master Shifu (Hoffman) and his plucky disciples: Tigress (Angelina Jolie), Monkey (Jackie Chan), Mantis (Seth Rogen), Viper (Lucy Liu) and Crane (David Cross).

Meanwhile, Po is reunited with his rotund biological father, Li Shan

(Bryan Cranston), and embarks on a quest of self-discovery to harness the power of chi.

In a mountaintop village, Po builds bridges between Li Shan and his surrogate father Mr Ping (James Hong), fends off amorous advances from ribbon dancer Mei Mei (Kate Hudson) and learns about his late mother.

"She was the total package: smart, beautiful, tremendous appetite," gushes Li Shan.

Po also marshals fellow bears into an army capable of repelling Kai and liberating the creatures under the yak's Machiavellian control.

Kung Fu Panda 3 is a jaunty affair that breeds comfort and warm smiles through familiarity.

This is a fitting conclusion to the series, so DreamWorks Animations will hopefully learn from the mistakes of Shrek and let Po bow out in style.

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## Big names and new talent at book festival

**A**PLETHORA of household names and emerging talent from the world of literature, art, politics, poetry, journalism, dance, television and film will descend on venues across Essex as part of an annual celebration of culture.

The Essex Book Festival kicked off last week with a sell-out talk by county icon Grayson Perry at Anglian Ruskin University in Chelmsford.

It marked the beginning of a countywide month-long festival – the only one of its kind in the UK.

Dozens of events will take place at 35 venues, from lecture halls and art galleries, to hotels and libraries, until March 31.

Highlights include appearances by Captain Corelli's Mandolin author Louis de Bernières and award-winning biographer and celebrated novelist, A N Wilson, plus talks by actor Simon Callow and former Blue Peter TV presenter, Janet Ellis.

De Bernières will be talking about his new book at the Essex Business School Lecture Hall in

Colchester on March 17, while Wilson will be sharing more about his exhaustively researched and definitive book on Queen Victoria at Layer Marney Tower in Layer Marney, on March 15. Don't miss Callow at Mercury Theatre,

Colchester, on March 24, when he will give a fascinating talk on his latest book – *One Man Band* – the third volume in his epic survey of Orson Welles, one of the most complex artists of the 20th century, or hearing about Ellis's debut novel, *The Butcher's Hook*, at Chelmsford Library on March 31. Other events

include SALAD: Southend Area Local Authors' Day on March 19 and 20, when there will be talks, storytelling and readings from local authors at The Forum in Elmer Square, Southend, and a talk on Magna Carta by the UK's leading constitutional historian, David Starkey, at Mercury Theatre, Colchester, on March 23.



**AUTHORS:** Louis de Bernières, left, Simon Callow and inset, left, A.N. Wilson

If you want to find out more about writing or giving it a go yourself then join Glenys Newton, winner of The Guardian and The Moth Live Storytelling Competition 2014, who will be helping participants to shape stories out of real-life experiences at Firstsite, Colchester, on March 19, while Vintage Books will be hosting a Birth of the Book event at Anglian Ruskin University,

Chelmsford, on March 12, when you can find out what goes on behind the scenes in publishing from author Ruth Ware and editor Alison Hennessey.

Festival director Ros Green said: "Essex Book Festival is for everyone. Running for a whole month and taking place in 35-plus venues in England's second largest county, it bridges the gap between differ-

Louis De Bernières photo by Ivon Bartholomew ent communities and reaches the places other like-minded festivals cannot reach.

"Our aim is to entertain, illuminate and inspire, and perhaps most importantly, to be a catalyst for new conversations and friendships countywide and beyond."

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- Basildon Saturday Club – For people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards. Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
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- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
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### Sunday, March 13

- South East Essex Ramblers – 7.5-mile walk, Billericay, 9.30am Billericay Station. Details Hilary 01702 343594.
- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz – Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 12.30pm. 01702 345247.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585

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### Monday, March 14

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- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.
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- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.

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- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.
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- Anchor Folk Club – Brooke Williams, 7-9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, [enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk).
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class – instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
- Weekly Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.
- Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players – James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free, call or text 07952 043456.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, Anne 01702 556470.
- Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm, 01702 715111.
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- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2 enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
- The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Yoga: 10-11am, sit-down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30. 01268 465854.
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- Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
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- Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm. £6 per session. Details Linda 01702 552260.
- Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm. Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.
- Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. leighsingles.co.uk.
- Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.
- Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet. Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2-4.25pm, over-18s, free parking £4. 01268 752473.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.
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### CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

1. Pity a clang disrupts the pre-tence (4-6)
7. Flashlight used to find the church on the hill (5)
8. Girl takes on workers for women's work (7)
10. Diminished man needs a change (8)
11. Handy type of plant? (4)
13. Men with little money for trees (6)
15. Extra with which a cricket match cannot start (2-4)
17. Form of diet controlled by the moon (4)
18. Patterns recreated for part of the church (8)
21. Find the answer to National Theatre becoming financially sound (7)
22. List of furniture (5)
23. Sponger at liberty before terrible ordeal (10)



### DOWN

1. The standard is capital (5)
2. Sportsmen allowed to be in staggered heats (8)
3. A theologist was in the lead but got confused (6)
4. Some servant asking for a job (4)
5. Falls over again with an artist (7)
6. Draws a beer for many in America (10)
9. Its branches are relatively spread out (6,4)
12. Suggested the trick has to be acknowledged (8)
14. Salesman often told to get on his bike, say (7)
16. Got rot treated in the cave (6)
19. What's left of an old flame (5)
20. Only a lake (4)

### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

1. Plead (10)
7. Earlier (5)
8. Supervise (7)
10. Adjust (8)
11. Record (4)
13. Sprouted (6)
15. Disclose (6)
17. Irritation (4)
18. Funny (8)
21. Wind (7)
22. Drone (5)
23. Camaraderie (10)

#### DOWN

1. Hurl (5)
2. Alongside (8)
3. Site (6)
4. Stick (4)
5. Motor (7)
6. Shame (10)
9. Dull (10)
12. Wreck (8)
14. Tyrannise (7)
16. Rut (6)
19. Ship's deck (5)
20. Image (4)

### Last week's solutions

Metre: 18 Edam; 20 Job. Winnow: 11 Come round; 13 Shower; 14 Doleful; 16 Down: 1 Get-up; 2 Wey; 3 Vote; 4 Artillery; 5 Opacity; 8 21 Burns; 22 Masonry. Lots and lots: 15 Move forward; 17 Recovered; 19 Pen; 20 Out; 10 Reminiscence; 12

### CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS

### QUICK SOLUTIONS

18 Omen; 20 Top. 8 Impale; 11 Cornual; 13 Banish; 14 Cornual; 15 Contact; 16 Salvage. 21 Burns; 22 Masonry. 23 Camaraderie. 19 Ray; 21

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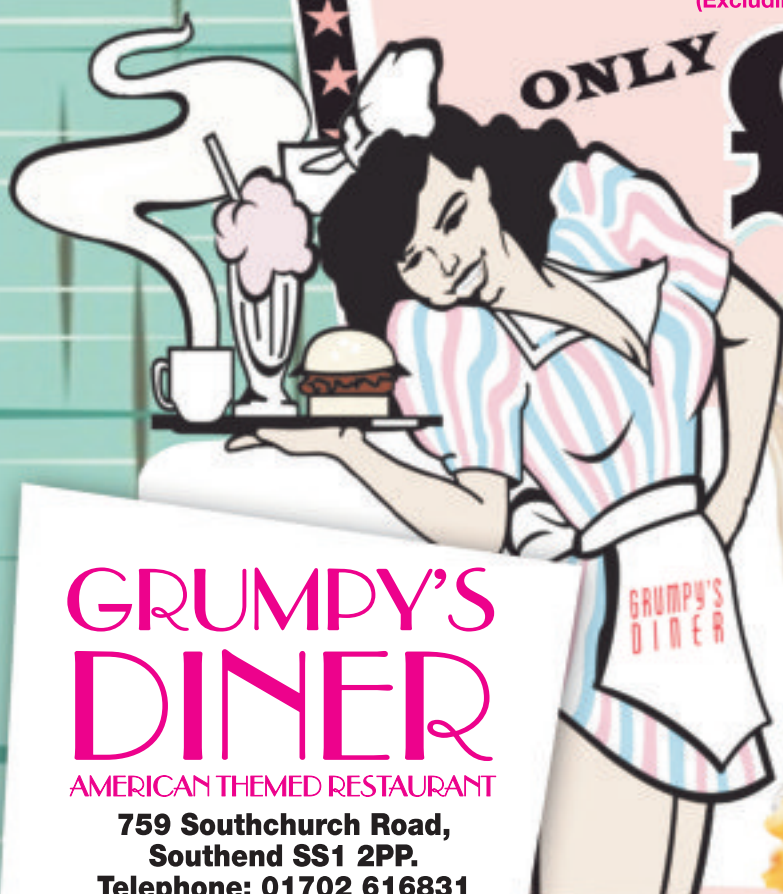
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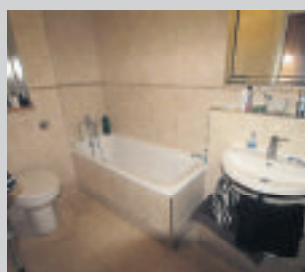
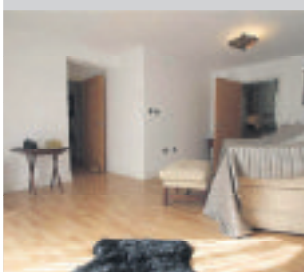
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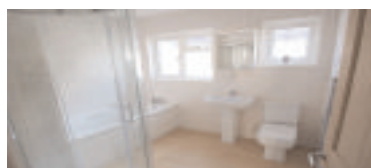
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**17 Feb 2016 Greg**

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**HADLEIGH £500,000**

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- Luxury Kitchen and bathroom • Four bedrooms • No onward chain

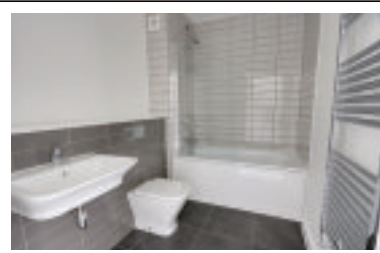
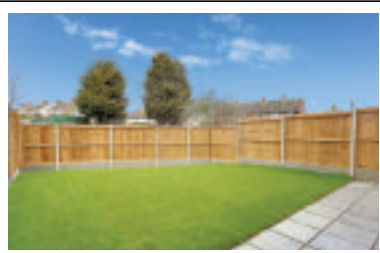






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### Tankerville Drive Leigh on Sea

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**Oakleigh Park Drive Leigh**  
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**Prince Avenue Westcliff on Sea**  
**Three Bedrooms £325,000**

Guide Price £325,000 to £350,000 Situated in this convenient location is this deceptively detached family home which boasts ample off street along with a detached double garage. This attractive double fronted property also offers two large reception rooms.

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**Arterial Road Leigh on Sea**  
**Three Bedrooms £249,995**

Realistically priced to allow for modernisation with one and a half width garage, South backing garden with no onward chain is being offered with this deceptively spacious three bedroom family home with additional 14'8 x 9'9 loft room. This character home also offers an incredible 35' X 11'7 through lounge/diner.

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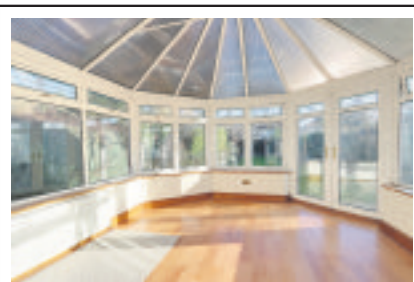
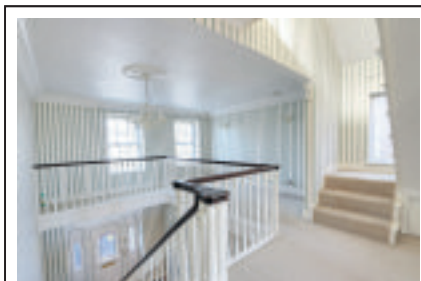
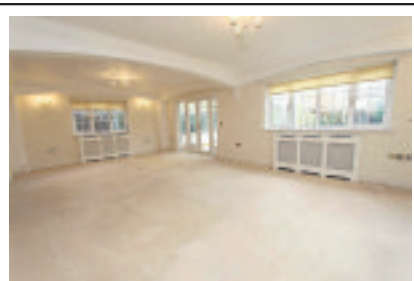




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## Eastwood Road, Leigh-on-Sea

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**Grove Road Rayleigh**

**Three Bedrooms £400,000**

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**Stafford Close Leigh on Sea**

**Three Bedrooms £294,995**

This well maintained three bedroom end of terrace house offers family sized accommodation with fitted Kitchen Breakfast room, good size lounge and also benefits from a modern bathroom and en suite to the master bedroom. With an enclosed front garden and has the advantage of a garage.

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**Uplands Road Hockley**

**Four Bedrooms £385,000**

This beautiful four bedroom family home situated in this quiet location whilst being on the doorstep to local shopping facilities, schools and within walking distance to Hockley mainline railway station.

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**Jacks Close Wickford**

**Four Bedroom £425,000**

Guide Price £425'000 this exceptional four bedroom detached family residence being within close proximity of excellent schools and with Wickford station serving Liverpool Street. The property provides master bedroom with en-suite and three further double bedrooms, kitchen/breakfast room, off road parking and garage.

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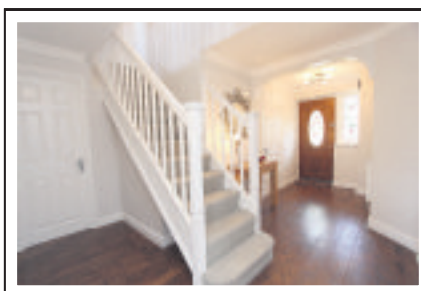


## Downham Park Way Rayleigh

### Five Bedrooms £639,995

This stunning detached family five double bedroom property in a sought after location close to Schools and local amenities. With a fabulous large kitchen/diner, two bathrooms and ground floor cloakroom. A good size garden with decked terrace ideal for summer entertaining and a double garage. Call today to book a viewing.

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### Swallowcliffe Bishopsteighton

#### Four Bedrooms £535,000

Beautiful four bedroom detached house with exceptional road frontage on a lovely south backing plot and within Bournes Green School catchment. There are three reception rooms, kit/breakfast room, utility room and en suite to master bedroom. A delightful rear garden offering plenty of privacy. Early viewing is essential on this stylish property in this gorgeous tree lined road.

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### 70 Ashurst Avenue Wick Estate

#### Two Bedrooms £369,995

A great opportunity to acquire this attractive bungalow in a superb location close to all local amenities. Other benefits include double glazed windows, lovely size kitchen with modern appliances to remain, ample parking and being offered with no onward chain.

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**Four Bedrooms £525,000**

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### Yarnacott Bishopsteighton

**Two Bedrooms £300,000**

Guide Price £300,000-£310,000 No onward chain. A pretty bungalow deceptive, two double bedrooms with a 50ft south facing garden, large driveway, garage and extension potential subject to planning permission. Located on this highly sought after development.

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### Gunners Rise Shoebury Garrison

**Four Bedrooms £499,950**

A gorgeous detached home with four double bedrooms and a large garden. This striking family detached property is located on the historic Shoebury Garrison. Superb open plan living with a kitchen/family room. Within easy reach of major C2C rail links and an award winning blue flag beaches.

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## Tyrone Road Thorpe Bay

### Four Bedrooms £665,000

A pretty four bedroom detached family home in a premiere road on a large west backing plot - 95ft garden and great scope to extend subject to the usual consent. We are delighted to bring this lovely family home to the market for the first time in 44 years. There is a lovely reception hallway, two large reception rooms & a kitchen/diner measuring some 21ft. A grand master bedroom has an en suite and there is a stunning feature window on the first floor landing. Independent driveway, garage, beautiful front and rear gardens.

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- \*\* Large Lounge
- \*\* Modern Décor
- \*\* Keys held for viewings



**£239,995**

- \*\* First Floor flat
- \*\* Parking at rear
- \*\* Kitchen & Bathroom
- \*\* In the Heart of Leigh



### SOUTHEND

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**£124,995**

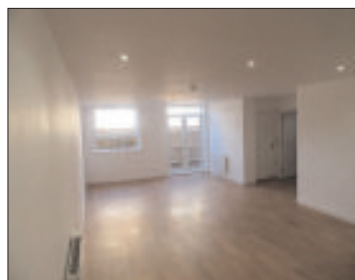
- \*\* 2 Bedrooms
- \*\* Close Town Centre
- \*\* Lift service
- \*\* Viewing advised

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### Southend

- \*\* Ground Floor
- \*\* Large Lounge open plan Kitchen
- \*\* Courtyard Garden
- \*\* Luxury Bathroom



**£1,000 pcm**

- \*\* 2 Bedrooms
- \*\* New conversion
- \*\* Allocated parking
- \*\* Must be seen



### Westcliff

- \*\* Penthouse apartment
- \*\* Superb Accommodation
- \*\* Allocated Parking
- \*\* Close to Prittlewell Station



**£1,150 pcm**

- \*\* 2 Bedrooms
- \*\* Lift
- \*\* Large Balcony
- \*\* Call now to view



### Westcliff

- \*\* Second Floor Flat
- \*\* Good modern décor
- \*\* Fitted Kitchen
- \*\* Available now



**£825 pcm**

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- \*\* No pets



### Rochford

- \*\* Purpose Built
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**HADLEIGH** / **£189,995**

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**HADLEIGH** / **£170,000**

A Spacious One Bedroom Top Floor Flat Having Far Reaching Views From Two Private Balconies \ Lounge 16'7 max x 12'9 With Balcony (Irregular Shape) \ Kitchen 11'4 x 6'7 \ Bedroom 11'8 x 11'3 max With Balcony \ Three Piece Shower Room \ Top Floor Conservatory/Sun Lounge & Kitchen Area \ Guest Suite Available To Rent \ Communal Gardens \ Residents Parking \ EPC Band B \ Call 01702 555888

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**LEIGH-ON-SEA** / **£239,995**

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**HADLEIGH** / **Guide £300,000 - £310,000**

A Deceptively Large Property With A Loft Room & Ample Reception Rooms In This Desirable Location \ Lounge/Diner 21'8 x 11'3 maximum measurements \ Kitchen 11'9 x 9'3 \ Ground Floor Shower Room \ Bedroom One 11'8 x 11'4 \ Bedroom Two 12'9 x 11'8 \ Loft Area 14'8 x 10'8 \ First Floor Bathroom \ South Facing Rear Garden Measuring In Excess Of 125ft \ Ample Off Street Parking \ Must Be Viewed \ EPC Band D \ Call 01702 555888



**Princes Avenue, THUNDERSLEY** / **£415,000**

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Hadleigh

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Eastwood

£1400pcm



TO LET



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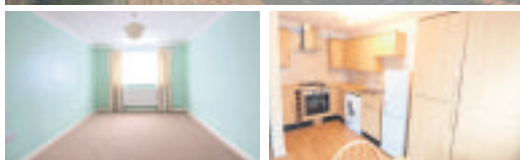
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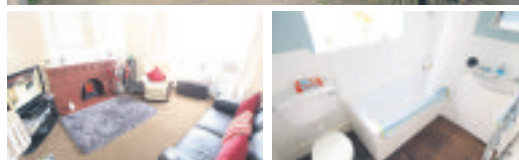
This is an attractive one bedroom ground floor apartment, situated in this extremely popular location a few minutes walk of both the Hadleigh Town Centre, Hadleigh Castle and local country walks, offering modern accommodation, off street parking & communal garden. Available for an April move! EPC Band B / Fees Apply

Leigh-on-Sea

£650pcm



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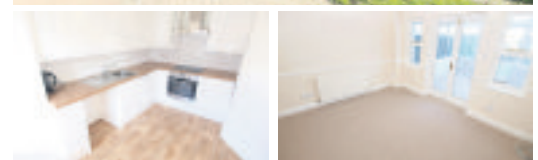
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Leigh-on-Sea

£1200pcm



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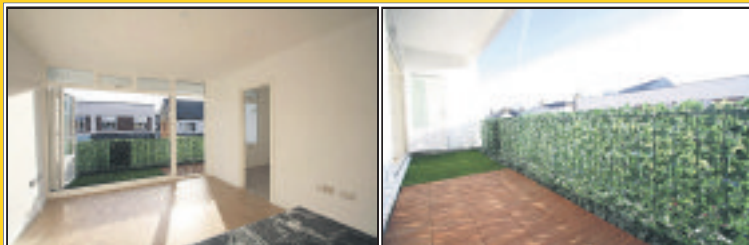
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- \* Detached bungalow
- \* 2 double bedrooms
- \* Large 3pce shower room

- \* Kitchen
- \* Lounge
- \* 75' Rear garden (unmeasured)
- \* Requires modernising and updating
- \* No onward chain



NEW ON  
MARKET



SOLE AGENTS

## HADLEIGH £359,995

- \* Three bed semi detached house
- \* Built in 2010
- \* Kitchen/Diner with integrated appliances
- \* Sought after Cul de Sac in Hadleigh

- \* Modern & contemporary living
- \* En-suite to master bedroom
- \* Ground floor WC

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## THUNDERSLEY £199,995

- \* Two Bedroom second floor apartment
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- \* Electric gated access
- \* Ideal First time purchase or investment

- \* Modern Kitchen & Bathroom Suite
- \* Long Lease
- \* Sought after location
- \* Communal Gardens



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## LEIGH-ON-SEA £550,000

- \* 3 Bedroom End Terraced Family Home
- \* Close to Leigh Broadway and Chalkwell Station
- \* Off Road Parking
- \* Kitchen/Breakfast Room

- \* Utility Room
- \* Ground Floor Cloakroom
- \* Original Features
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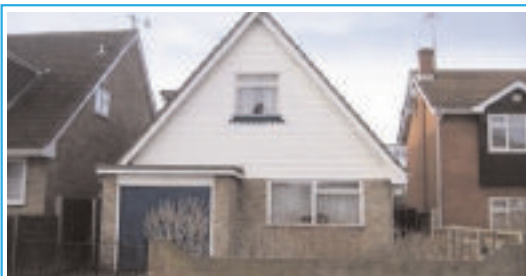
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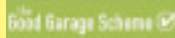
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## BLUES IN LAST MINUTE AGONY

### Southend United

Southend United 0  
Chesterfield 1

Brian Jeeves reporting from  
Roots Hall Stadium

MISFIRING Southend United passed up another opportunity to close the gap on the Sky Bet League One play-off places after a last-minute goal from Lee Novak earned Chesterfield victory on Saturday.

Blues have been frustrating of late. A convincing victory over league leaders Burton Albion was followed by lacklustre displays against Port Vale and Crewe.

Manager Phil Brown used his programme notes to mention that having scored late in stoppage time against Crewe, he viewed it as a point gained and not two lost.

Chesterfield arrived at Roots Hall just three points, and places, above the League One drop zone.

But the Spireites are one of the division's in-form teams, having won each of their last four outings.

The Blues started brightest and should have grabbed the lead inside the opening two minutes. David Worrall nodded, Ben Coker's delicious centre against an upright, then sent the rebound into the midriff of Chesterfield keeper Tommy Lee.

The visitors responded, but Daniel Bentley expertly turned aside Ollie Banks' curling effort.

Soon after Banks tried his luck

from distance again but this time his strike was too high.

Exchanges were crisp and competitive. Declan John fired into Bentley's arms, while the innovative Jack Payne carried a considerable threat as Southend probed for an opening.

But it was Chesterfield who looked the more likely to score.

Novak's goalbound header was turned away by Bentley, while Connor Damaio tested the Blues keeper with a snapshot from 12 yards.

As the half drew to a close, Banks and Anthony Wordsworth exchanged opportunities, but despite their toil defences had largely ruled the opening 45 minutes.

Payne was narrowly wide with the opening chance of the second half, firing an angled drive across the face of goal after working a short corner routine with Coker.

At the other end Chesterfield passed up a decent chance when John fired over after Banks picked him out.

Blues were now attacking with greater intent. Barnett was unable to turn in Payne's driven cross, while Wordsworth nodded wide Coker's pinpoint free-kick. And Southend were denied by a brilliant double save from Lee.

Barnett and skipper John White were the men cursing their luck in front of goal.

The home fans were screaming

for a spot-kick after David Mooney appeared to be tumbled by Spireites defender Sam Hird.

But referee Darren Drysdale waved away the appeals.

With time running out Southend were made to pay for their wastefulness. Banks picked out Novak and the former Huddersfield frontman produced a composed finish to fire the visitors ahead.

Speaking after the match Blues boss Brown said: "It was all about the first goal today. Danny [Wilson] hasn't come here to entertain, he's not come here to play and entertain the home crowd, he's come here for a reason.

"Obviously the 4-3-3 system he's put up against us shows he's come to get a point or all three, and they've got all three in the end.

"We've hit the post in the first couple of minutes, then the follow-up by Dave Worrall, that's got to go into the back of the net.

"If that goes into the back of the net then it becomes a different game altogether. The longer that goes on, the more frustrated we get.

"Tyrone Barnett has had a good chance with the header, John White follows up, everything should go into the back of the net as far as I'm concerned."

White said: "Obviously it was very, very frustrating. I don't think they created too many chances, but when they created a really good opening, they took their chance.

"I think it was a case of us not having that extra bit of quality in the final third and things not dropping for us as well."

Chesterfield manager Wilson said: "They're a good side. You can understand why they are in the position they are.

"We've said many times you have to be at your best, particularly coming away from home.

"I think we've come here understanding that we needed to be at our best, but also that we would get chances. Whether we were going to take them or not was another matter, but we knew we could create something with what was in the team."

Southend United are next in league action on Saturday, March 12, when they visit Oakwell to face fellow play-off hopefuls Barnsley (3pm).

**Southend United:** Daniel Bentley, John White (Capt), Adam Barrett, Cian Bolger, Ben Coker, David Worrall (Noel Hunt), Gary Deegan, Will Atkinson (Sam McQueen), Anthony Wordsworth, Jack Payne, Tyrone Barnett (David Mooney). Subs: Ted Smith, Adam Thompson, Michael Timlin, Jamar Lozar.

**Chesterfield:** Tommy Lee, Sam Hird, Lee Novak, Liam O'Neill, Connor Damaio, Dion Donohue, Tom Anderson, Ollie Banks, Gboly Ariyibi, Gary Little (Capt), Declan John (Jay O'Shea). Subs: Dan Gardiner, Sylvan Ebanks-Blake, Aaron Chapman, Rai Simons, Drew Talbot, Jordan Shaw.

**Referee:** Darren Drysdale.  
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**Fourth Official:** Robert Whitton.  
**Attendance:** 7,518.

### Non-league round-up

## Braintree boost play-off chances

By Brian Jeeves

BRAINTREE Town further enhanced their National League play-off hopes after Simeon Akinola's brace sunk big spending Eastleigh at Cressing Road.

Akinola did the damage near the end of each half, carrying the in-form Iron into fourth place.

In the National South Concord Rangers appeared to be on their way to three points after goals from Steve Cawley and Steve King fired the Beach Boys into a 2-0 lead against Wealdstone at the Aspec Arena.

But the Londoners hit back through Jefferson Louis and Scott Davies to grab a draw.

Chelmsford City had a fruitless journey to the West Country after a single strike from Craig Duff earned hosts Truro City a 1-0 victory.

In the Ryman Premier Division East Thurrock United continued their promotion push with a 3-0 victory over Tonbridge Angels. Sam Higgins, James Walker and Kyle Ruel were on target for the Rocks.

There was nothing between Brentwood Town and Billericay Town who shared the points after a 1-1 draw at the Arena. But it was an afternoon to forget for a couple of the region's other Premier Division clubs.

Bogdan Vastsuk hit a hat-trick, while Charlie Allen and Dennis Olli also found the net as Farnborough thrashed Grays Athletic 5-0. And it was a similarly painful experience for Canvey Island who were hit for five without reply by Hampton & Richmond Borough, Nicke Kabamba grabbing a treble for the hosts.

Tilbury were the big winners in Ryman League Division One North. Tony Martin was a hat-trick hero for the Dockers, while Daniel Glozier added a fourth from the penalty spot in a 4-0 win at neighbours Aveley. Jay Nash and Jacob Cleaver were on target as Great Wakering Rovers won 2-1 at bottom of the table Redbridge. Carlos Espirito-Santos replied for the Motormen.

Barkingside saw off Wroxham by the odd goal in three at the Cricklefield Stadium, Michael Spencer and Michael Adeniyi with the goals. And there was an entertaining 3-2 victory for Witham Town at Haringey Borough.

AFC Hornchurch were held to a 1-1 draw by AFC Sudbury at Bridge Avenue. Craig Parker fired the visitors into a second half lead, with David Knight hitting back to ensure a point for the Urchins.

But there was a 2-1 home defeat for Brightlingsea Regent as Cray Wanderers pinched the points with a 2-1 success.

In the Essex Senior League Barking won a thrilling encounter at Mayesbrook Park with Waltham Forest 4-2, and there was a 3-0 triumph for Enfield 1893 against struggling Burnham Ramblers. There were 3-1 away wins for Sporting Bengal United, at Tower Hamlets, and Greenhouse London, at Wadham Lodge, while FA Vase heroes Bowers & Pitsea edged out Southend Manor 1-0.

Elsewhere London Bari and Ilford played out a competitive 1-1 draw at the Old Spotted Dog.

In selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League, Harold Wood Athletic eased past Newbury Forest 3-0 in their Premier Division encounter. In Division One Shenfield AFC thrashed Ongar Town 7-0 and Basildon Town won 4-1 at Galleywood.

There were plenty of goals in Division Two where Ryan saw off East Londoners 4-3 and Great Baddow squeezed passed Rochford Town 3-2. While in Division Three Broomfield won 6-0 at Southend Sports.

■ **AMBITIOUS** Youth outfit Southendian Manor have announced plans to stage a Fan Park during the summer's European Championships. Manor plan to show Wales' clash with Slovakia and England's tie with Russia on a 12 square metre outdoor screen at the Garon Park ground on Saturday, June 11. There will also be other activities during the day, including football coaching, games, competitions and bouncy castles for the children.

Further details are to be announced.

## Rio hopeful Brinn on way back to fitness after injury

### Gymnastics

BRINN Bevan has returned to training after injury and set his sights on booking a spot at the Rio Olympics.

The 18-year-old from Southend suffered a break of the tibia and fibula in his left leg – a freak accident in his warm-up for the British Teams Championships in November – and was sidelined after undergoing surgery.

It was a devastating blow for the GB first year senior after the high of winning a team silver at the World Championships in October and hit his chances of competing in Brazil in the summer.

His coach Scott Hann says Brinn will now compete with limited routines at the English Championships on March 19 and his training is now at about 80 per cent of where it was before the injury.

After getting the green light from his specialist to return to training, Brinn said on his YouTube channel: "This part of the journey is going to be a lot harder than the rest of it. All I have got to do is concentrate on my rehab programme and building the strength back in my leg."



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